

Parish of St Margaret Clitherow

Palm Sunday - Passion of the Lord (B)

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Psalter Week 2
Readings Sunday – Palm Sunday (B)
Weekdays – Holy Week

Sunday Palm Sunday - Passion of the Lord (B)

THE SACRED TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday Passion of the Lord (Fast & Abstinence Day)

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil

Next Sunday Easter Sunday (B)



LEIGH DEANERY

Parish of St. Margaret
Clitherow

St. Ambrose Barlow
Astley

St. Gabriel's
Higher Folds

Holy Family
Boothstown

Sacred Heart
Hindsford

St. Richard's
Atherton

Parish of St. Edmund
Arrowsmith

Our Lady of the Rosary
Sacred Heart

St. Joseph's

Twelve Apostles
Leigh

Archdiocesan Mission Statement



Taking to heart the
last words of the Lord
Jesus, we will go into
the world to proclaim
the Good News to the
whole of creation.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

The Gospel story, told by Mark, tells us the story of Jesus, the just man, of his life journey and his arrest, unjust condemnation and death on a cross. Today we hear that story told again and we witness the injustice of it, the unfairness of it and the cruelty of it. The man who lived in the light is arrested in the dark. The man who spoke openly sees his words twisted and used against him. The man who honoured every person he met is brutally treated and taken out to die. There is a powerful witness to all this. A centurion, a Roman soldier charged with executing the orders of the governor, Pilate, and overseeing the legal execution of this man, Jesus. He watches as his junior soldiers have their fun with the prisoner, mocking him and abusing him. He leads the procession through the streets of Jerusalem and observes the demeanour of this unfortunate man. At the place of execution he organizes the process and forms the guard to contain the proceedings, and then he stands there and watches this man slowly die. But as the sky darkens and the taunts of the crowd grow weaker, this Roman officer begins to realize that the man whose death he is charged to oversee is not any ordinary man. Though cruelly tormented and about to lose his life, the man on the cross is more alive than any person ever was. When he finally breathes his last breath, the soldier is forced to cry out, "In truth this man was a Son of God."

We tell this story and continue to tell it because it is the story of every person in this world. It is the story of the just person who seeks to live an honourable life, who meets with suffering and with cruelty, with injustices in a flawed society. It is the story of how the just person perseveres in goodness despite any setbacks and opposition, and seeks the face of God. This is how life is in a fallen world. The forces of darkness are very real. The darkened sky over Calvary, where Jesus died, tells us to prepare ourselves for difficult times, and the way Christ died teaches us how to live our daily lives today. Jesus did not resign himself to being taken and put to death. He took a dark situation and faced it and remained true to his father's will to the very end. The centurion witnessed the power of a truly good man. Now in our turn, by the Lord's grace, we too follow the way of the crucified one. So that people today may look at us and say, "In truth this person is truly a child of God."

Psalms Response My God, my God, why have you forsaken me!

Gospel Acclamation Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross.
But God raised him high
and gave him the name which is above all names.

PARISH NEWS

This Week



EASTER TRIDUUM SERVICES

As we begin Holy Week please try your very best to come along to all the Easter Triduum services:-.

- Thursday at 7.30pm – **Mass of the Lord's Supper** – St. Ambrose Barlow & St. Richard's.
- Friday at 3.00pm – **Celebration of the Lord's Passion** – Holy Family & St. Richard's.
- Saturday at 8.00pm – **The Easter Vigil** – Holy Family & St. Richard's.

Stations of the Cross this week

Tuesday, 7.00pm at St. Richard's

&

on Good Friday

10.00am at St Ambrose Barlow

10.00am at Atherton Parish Church (ecumenical)

11.00am at Holy Family (Children's Stations of the Cross).

Easter Flowers

This is the final weekend to bring along donations for the Memorial Flowers during Easter. Please place your donation in an envelope together with the names of those you wish to be remembered and, for St. Richard's Church, give it to the flower ladies, Team JCB, or post it through the letter box at St. Richard's Parish House. If you wish the names of loved ones to be listed in St. Ambrose or Holy Family for Easter, forms are available in church. Please hand these in to the sacristy or in the collection basket marked 'Easter Flowers' Any money donated will go towards the flowers. **Please hand in today so that the lists can be prepared.**

CAFOD Lenten Café

The CAFOD Lenten Café will be open in Holy Family Hall after the 9.00am and 11.00am Masses **today**. Proceeds go to the CAFOD Lent Appeal Every £1 given to the Appeal, up to £5m, will be match funded by the Government. This year we are again seeking sponsors for each week that the CAFOD Lenten Café is operating. If you would like to sponsor a session at £35, please contact (justinesilcock@gmail.com).

The **Traidcraft** Stall will be available every Sunday in Lent, providing an excellent opportunity to buy a variety of fairtrade products. Please try some Traidcraft goods which will support this venture. Please come along if you can. You will be very welcome.

The Chrism Mass Liverpool Cathedral

This year takes place **this Wednesday, March 28th at 7.00pm.**

Please sign the sheet at the back of church if you wish to attend. **Pick ups: 5.00pm at St. Joseph's and 5.20pm at Holy Family.**

There are no refreshments so you may wish to bring a sandwich and a drink with you.



**Metropolitan Cathedral
of Christ the King Liverpool**

Holy Family Car Park

As the sale of the land around the old Scout Hall has gone through **we are no longer able to use the land for parking** or access to the school. Building works are due to commence in the coming weeks involving the demolition of both halls in preparation for our new centre. Thank you for your patience as there will likely be some disruption during this process, but the future is bright!



Sacred Heart School, Hindsford

Sacred Heart Primary School in Hindsford, has been selected for "Tesco Tokens!" If you shop at Tesco in Atherton or Leigh please collect as many tokens as you can for the school – the little blue tokens where you are invited to support the charity of your choice on your way out of the store. The school's allocated time is **from March 1st to April 30th**. The more tokens they get, the more money we will receive. Please help the school as much as you can.

St Mary's 200 Club

Although the 200 Club for the parish is drawing to a close, it is still possible to buy tickets for either the current 200 Club at St Mary's Catholic High School, (still a couple of draws left) or for their new 200 Club which will start shortly. Please call the school for more info or speak to Jack Farrimond.

200 Club

March winners are:

£100 – number 25, Ann Cooke

£50 – number 73, Des Deignan

Parish Forum

Thank you to those who attended the Parish Forum meeting at St. Richard's last Tuesday evening. Minutes of the meeting will be available in due course. The next meetings will be on Tuesday 1st May at St. Ambrose Barlow at 7.45pm and on Tuesday 26th June at Holy Family at 7.30pm.

Eucharistic Ministers

There are copies of the St Paul Missal available for Eucharistic Ministers in Holy Family. Please collect from the office for use visiting the sick and housebound.

Food Hamper

During Advent a hamper was placed in the porch at St Ambrose to collect food items which were then taken to the local food bank for distribution at Christmas. Several items have been donated since the Christmas period, therefore it has been decided to continue collecting until further notice. All donations will be taken to the food banks on a regular basis, so if you have anything you would like to donate, please place it in the hamper in the porch at St Ambrose Barlow Church. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Help Required

We are looking for additional help to maintain the grounds at St. Ambrose Barlow in Astley. If you feel you can spare an hour or two on a regular basis or would like more information please contact Peter Mellin, Des Deignan or Steve Cooper for further details.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS



Liverpool Synod 2020

Following on from the Archbishop's Pastoral Letter before Christmas, Liverpool Archdiocese are embarking on a three year project aimed towards a General Synod in 2020. As part of the preparations we will be holding a number of Holy Hours very soon as we focus on prayer for the first year. The Archbishop will be leading some of these Holy Hours in the different areas of the Archdiocese. So an early notice that Archbishop Malcolm will be leading a Holy Hour in St. Joseph's Church, Leigh, on Wednesday May 30th at 7.30pm. All welcome. More details nearer the time.

Archbishop's Letter - Pilgrimage to Lourdes



Following the letter from Archbishop Malcolm a few weeks ago, please find below contact details if you are interested in going on or helping out with the Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes in July. We are awaiting more information leaflets too but you could still email or phone the Archdiocese independently if you like. If anyone is interested in travelling to Lourdes please phone 07484911623.

To volunteer for any of the support teams visit the website at liverpool-lourdes.org.uk or contact the Lourdes Office at lourdespilgrimage@rcaolp.co.uk



Parish Trip to York

A few people have mentioned that they would like to go on a trip to York later in the year. It has been a few years since we last had a Parish Trip to York. It is the birthplace of our patron saint, Margaret Clitherow, so it is something that we should always do from time to time. We will try to book a coach for December which coincides with the Christmas Markets, so that would be a good time to go again. We will let you know the date as soon as we can.

Meru Women's Garden Project

Atherton Churches Together have agreed to help Soroptimist International, Leigh & District Club, raise money for a unique project which has been set up in Meru, a region of Kenya. The project aims to help 194 women create vegetable gardens which will not only feed their families but also allow them to sell any surplus to raise money and send their children to school. To do this we are collecting old, broken, perfect and not so perfect jewellery that can be exchanged for cash by weight. So the more we collect the more money we make for the project. We have no objection if the odd gold, silver or diamond item gets in there but we are not expecting to find any treasures.

A box for the donated items will be placed at the back of St. Richard's Church for the next few weeks. The entire Parish is invited to take part. Please help if you are able to do so. Further information can be found at meruwomen.org Or you can contact Josie Carter on 07845973353. This is a Soroptimist International, Great Britain and Ireland (SIGBI) project working with the charity child.org.

Reflect:

Today's Gospel reading recalls the events leading to Christ's death on the cross. We listen to the suffering Jesus underwent and contemplate his obedience and trust in his Father. How do each of us respond to God's call to do his will? Do we try to avoid what is before us, or do we accept and trust in God to see us through the difficulties we encounter?

Pray:

Lord Jesus, you know what it means to stand alone in front of those who reject you and don't understand you. Walk with us.

When we feel that we can't make a difference, help us to keep going.

Teach us to share your love.

Act:

In our own country people are suffering on a daily basis due to lack of food, squalid living conditions or lack of social care. Find a way to have an impact on their lives through alms giving, food donations, donations of clothing or caring for others where you can.

Challenge:

Make your voice heard! Write to your MP, talk to your local councillor, vote when you have the chance. Don't do nothing!

HCPT Golf Day



HCPT are running their annual Golf Day on Thursday May 24th at Westhoughton Golf Club. Fr. Paul has been asked to get together a couple of teams for the "shotgun start" golf day, which begins at 1.00 pm. If you would like to please contact Fr. Paul as soon as possible – strictly on a first come, first served basis. Price is £30 per person including competition prizes and hot food.

Divine Mercy

This is celebrated on the Second Sunday of Easter on 8th April. There will be the 'Hour of Grace' at Holy Family which is a Holy Hour beginning with the recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy with the opportunity for individual Confessions.

The hour will begin at 3.00pm and conclude with Benediction.



Newsletter

Please ensure that items for next week's newsletter are sent in by Wednesday evening. Thank you.

Clergy Addresses

Fr Paul Seddon: St Richard's Presbytery, Mayfield Street, Atherton, Manchester M46 0AQ

Fr Paul Grady: Holy Family Presbytery, 208 Chaddock Lane, Boothstown, Worsley, Manchester M28 1DN

Finance

All monies should be paid into the Parish account of St Margaret Clitherow (Please note spelling 'Clitherow'). Thank you.

Sacred Heart Church, Hindsford Community Website

www.sacredheartchindsford.co.uk

PARISH MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Please pray for those who are Sick



Arthur Leggett.
 Agnes Pilkington
 All Cancer Patients
 Anne Broad
 Baby George
 Baby Grace
 Baby Luke
 Bernadette Bates
 Bernard O'Donnell
 Bridie Molyneux
 Catherine Jones
 Christopher Browne
 Clifford Browne
 Derek Maude
 Edward Leach
 Emma Oldham
 Enid Kenwright
 Eugenie Cheetham
 Fon O'Hara
 Freda Peake
 Gerald Hackett
 Guy Ryan
 Hannah Delargy
 Irene Burke
 Irene McIntyre
 Jean Tchibukdjian
 Jess Garrett
 Joan Wilkinson
 John Wall
 Kathy Kenyon
 Maisie Sweeney (age 9)
 Margaret Case
 Margaret Dawson
 Margaret Hurley
 Margaret Ross
 Margaret Wall
 Marjorie Price
 Mary Tiernan
 Maureen Halliday
 Michael Wright
 Patricia Wilson
 Rev Jim Melia
 Sandra Jones
 Shelagh Welsby
 Sr Megan Haisley
 Ted & Harriet Langan
 Thelma Humble
 Thomas Higgins
 Thomas McLoughlin
 Wyn Wright
 Yvonne Mellin

| Week Beginning 25th March | Holy Family | St. Ambrose Barlow | St. Richard's |
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| SUNDAY | 9.00 am Keith Lewis 11.00 am Kathleen Gannon | (Sat) 6.00 pm Clara Brierley 11.00 am Brian Lloyd | (Sat) 6.00 pm Jeff & Pauline Eckersley 9.30 am Sarah Mary Herron |
| MONDAY | | | |
| TUESDAY | | 9.15 am Fanning Family | 2.00 pm Funeral Mass for Mary Gould |
| WEDNESDAY | 7.30 pm Mass of Chrism in Liverpool Cathedral | | 9.00 - 10.00 am Exposition 7.30pm Mass of Chrism in Liverpool Cathedral |
| HOLY THURSDAY | Mass at St Ambrose Barlow | 7.30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper Followed by Watching concluding with Night Prayer at 10.30 pm | 7.30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper (Alice & Thomas O'Neill) |
| GOOD FRIDAY | 11.00 am Children's Stations of the Cross 3.00 pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion | 10.00 am Stations of the Cross 7.30 pm Service of Reflection | 10.00 am – Stations of the Cross <i>in Atherton Parish Church</i> 11.00 am – Good Friday Vigil of Prayer 3.00 pm – Celebration of the Lord's Passion |
| SATURDAY - EASTER VIGIL | No Morning Mass 8.00 pm Mass of the Easter Vigil (Madeleine Sighe & Easter Intentions) | Easter Vigil Mass at Holy Family | 8.00 pm Mass of the Easter Vigil (Nora McCrann) |
| EASTER SUNDAY | 9.00 am Peter McArdle 11.00 am Frank and Margaret Fletcher | 11.00 am Joe Rigby | 9.30 am Ariela Koryl |

LAST WEEK'S PARISH COLLECTIONS

Offertory £1635.86
 Lenten Alms £ 312.18

Thank you for your generosity.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Today & Good Friday
 Holy Places

The global Holy Land Collection is taken up in most dioceses around the world on Good Friday. The sites of Jesus's birth and of his death and resurrection have been undergoing restoration work and the Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land announced in late March that the Vatican had pledged a further \$1 million for projects at the Basilica of the Nativity in Bethlehem and the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem.

Next Week - Easter Sunday Friends of the Holy Land

Friends of the Holy Land (FHL) is a charitable organisation supporting the Christians of the Holy Land, who are suffering greatly. The work of FHL is entirely non-political and is carried out with the backing and blessing of Anglican and Catholic Bishops in England and Wales. Website: www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions on Saturday - *Subject to change see newsletter*
 Following the 10.00 am Mass at Holy Family
 following 6.00 pm Mass at St Ambrose and St Richard's.
 Also available where possible by request or by appointment.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Easter Sunday (B)

First Reading *Acts 10:34,37-43*
 Peter explains why he and the apostles were entrusted with Christ's mission.
Second Reading *Colossians 3:1-4*
 Christ is our life and now this is all that matters.
Gospel Reading *John 20:1-9*
 John tells us that he saw the empty tomb and he believed.

BAPTISM

Please remember in your prayers the families of
**Martin Ward &
 Charlie Christopher Pio Ward
 Franklin Fisher
 Katie Miller**
 who are being baptised into the Parish this weekend.

Please pray for those who have died:

**Kevin Hesketh
 Patricia Shea
 Christopher Critchley
 Mary Gould
 Jean Carroll**

